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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: TANZANIAN VIEWS

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1. TANZANIAN VIEWS ON NAMIBIA REPORTED REFTEL ARE GENERALLY
CONSISTENT WITH OUR UNDERSTANDING OF TANGOV POSITION (DAR
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2. MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS MKAPA EXPANDED ON THOSE
VIEWS IN PRIVATE CHAT WITH CHARGE AT SOCIAL OCCASION EVENING
OF 23 MAY. IN MKAPA'S VIEW, SWAPO NEEDS "DECENT INTERVAL"
BEFORE IT CAN BRING ITS HARD LINERS ALONG AS FAR AS THEY
WERE ON CG PROPOSALS JUST BEFORE CASSINGA RAID. HE BELIEVES

THAT FRONT LINE-SWAPO SUMMIT, MAYBE WITH CG PARTICIPATION SOMETIME DURING THE MEETING, WOULD BE USEFUL, AND THAT TANGOV WOULD ATTEND BUT NOT INITIATE SUCH A GATHERING. FRONT LINE'S CREDIBILITY WITH SWAPO WAS DAMAGED BY CG'S INABILITY TO KEEP SOUTH AFRICA FROM LAUNCHING THE RECENT RAID, AND TANGOV'S STANDING WITH NUJOMA ET. AL. WILL BE EVEN FURTHER ERODED AFTER 25 MAY RELEASE OF SWAPO DETAINEES, MKAPA ADDED. (RE PARA 3 REFTEL, ACTING DIRECTOR UNHCR TOLD EMBASSY 24 MAY THAT SHIPANGA IS INCLUDED AMONG THOSE TO BE RELEASED 25 MAY.) "HOWEVER, IF WE ALL ARE THERE--ESPECIALLY NETO-- THE MEETING COULD BE FRUITFUL."

3. MKAPA THOUGHT THAT AT SUCH A MEETING FRONT LINE SHOULD GET TOGETHER WITH SWAPO FIRST TO SEE WHAT THEY CONSIDER ESSENTIAL FOR FURTHER TALKS AND AGREEMENT WITH CG. "THE CONTACT GROUP MUST SEND US INTO THAT MEETING ARMED WITH THEIR UNDERTAKING THAT THE SOUTH AFRICANS WILL NOT COMMIT ANY MORE SUCH RAIDS, AS WELL AS WHAT YOU HAVE ALREADY TOLD US YOU ARE PREPARED TO DO ABOUT WALVIS BAY." AS FOR FORM SUCH AN ASSURANCE WOULD HAVE TO TAKE, MKAPA SAID "VANCE'S WORD IS ENOUGH FOR ME." SWAPO AND NETO, THOUGH, MIGHT SEEK SOME MORE TANGIBLE INDICATIONS--E.G., PULLBACK OF SAF FORCES FURTHER SOUTH, ADDITIONAL OBSERVERS AND CHECKS ON SAF FORCES. "WE (TANGOV) BELIEVE THAT IS UNNECESSARY AND YOUR PROPOSALS HAVE ADEQUATE CHECKS, BUT THIS IS A NEGOTIABLE ISSUE THAT GETS SWAPO BACK ON THE TRACK OF TALKING AGAIN."
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4. COMMENT: WE SEE THREE POINTS THAT EMERGED FROM MKAPA'S COMMENTS. ONE, TANZANIA WANTS TO SEE NEGOTIATED NAMIBIAN SETTLEMENT ALONG CG LINES BACK ON TRACK, AND WILL TRY TO DO WHAT IT CAN WITH WHAT IT BELIEVES IS ITS DIMINISHED INFLUENCE WITH SWAPO. TWO, TANGOV BELIEVES CG MUST KEEP PRESSURE ON SOUTH AFRICANS IF FL TO BE ABLE TO KEEP IT ON SWAPO--A POINT HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED IN CONTEXT OF HIS REMARK ABOUT CG ASSURANCES AGAINST FUTURE SAF MILITARY RAIDS. THREE, TANGOV WOULD APPROACH A FL-SWAPO-CG MEETING AS A NEGOTIATING SESSION, NOT SIMPLY A JOINT EFFORT TO PRESS SWAPO INTO SIGNING WHAT THEY DID NOT SIGN A FEW WEEKS AGO IN NEW YORK. TANGOV BELIEVES CG PROPOSALS AS THEY STAND SHOULD BE ACCEPTED BY SWAPO. AT THE SAME TIME, IT BELIEVES IMPLEMENTATION OF THOSE PROPOSALS NEEDS SWAPO AGREEMENT, AND THAT MIGHT REQUIRE SOME FURTHER GIVE ON CG SIDE. IT IS USEFUL TO RECALL THAT WHEN FL PRESIDENTS CONSIDERED RHODESIA IN DAR ES SALAAM IN LATE MARCH, THEIR PUBLIC COMMUNIQUE PUT AS MUCH PRESSURE ON THE US AND UK AS IT DID ON THE PATRIOTIC FRONT.
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